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### **TONY GETS “BOOKED OUT” IN BARRABA**

Member for New England, Tony Windsor, will be officially launching Barraba's *Books, Birth and Beyond* in the Barraba Mall at **10.30am** on **Thursday 6 April** and will then be visiting Barraba Central School to participate in a Community Read-in at **11.15am** where he will be reading stories to three groups of primary students.

Tony will be one of a number of guests visiting Barraba on Thursday for *Books, Birth and Beyond* which aims to encourage and support children and their families to develop lifetime literacy skills. Joining Mr Windsor in Barraba will be Sydney-based children's author and noted public speaker, John Larkin who will be conducting writers workshops for selected students.

“I look forward to participating in Barraba's Community Read-in as it will help the children to develop good listening skills, build on their vocabulary and encourage them to stretch their imagination” Mr Windsor said.

“I would like to thank Barraba Books, Birth and Beyond for inviting me to participate in this most worthwhile project and encourage the entire community to promote reading to their children” Mr Windsor concluded.

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